

those trees is as heavy or heavier than Brazil or *Lignum mice.*; and is in colour white.

The next day after we had arrived (*i\$th* July), there came also into that bay, an English bark of the Isle of Wight, of Sir EDWARD HORSEY'S ; wherein JAMES RANSE was Captain and JOHN OVERY, Master, with thirty men : of which, some had been with our Captain In the same place, the year before. They brought in with them a Spanish caravel of Seville, which he had taken the day before, athwart of that place; being a Caravel of *Advtso* [*Despatch boat*] bound for Nombre de Dios; and also one shallop with oars, which he had taken at Cape Blanc. This Captain RANSE understanding our Captain's purpose, was desirous to join In consort with him ; and was received upon conditions agreed on between them.

Within seven days after his corning, having set up our pinnaces, and despatched all our business, in providing all things necessary, out of our ships into our pinnaces: we departed (20th July) from that harbour, setting sail in the morning towards Nombre de Dios, continuing our course till we came to the Isles of Pmos : where, being within three days arrived, we found (22nd July) two frigates of Nombre, de Dios lading plank and timber from thence.

The Negroes which were in those frigates, gave us some particular understanding of the present state of the town; and besides, told us that they had heard a report, that certain soldiers should come thither shortly, and were daily looked for, from the Governor of Panama, and the country thereabout, to defend the town against the Cimaroons (a black people, which about eighty years past [*i.e.*, 1512] fled from the Spaniards their masters, by reason of their cruelty, and are since grown to a Nation, under two Kings of their own : the one inhablteth to the West, and the other to the East of the Way from Nombre de Dios to Panama) which had nearly surprised it [*i.e.*, *Nombre de Dios*], about six weeks before [*i.e.*, *about loth June*, 1572].

Our Captain willing to use those Negroes well (not hurting himself) set them ashore upon the Main, that they might perhaps join themselves to their countrymen the CimaroonsL and gain their liberty if they would; or if they would not* yet by reason of the length and troublesomeness of the wayr by land to Nombre de Dios, he might prevent any notice off